

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 035273 TOSEC 020053
ORIGIN SS-15

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 CCO-00 /016 R

66011

DRAFTED BY: NEA/ARN:TJCAROLAN

APPROVED BY: NEA/ARN:MDRAPER

S/S-O:RPERITO

NEA:AGRIFFIN

-----161824Z 066900 /50

P 161759Z FEB 77 ZFF4

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO USDEL SECRETARY PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY AMMAN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY JIDDA PRIORITY

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS PRIORITY

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 035273 TOSEC 020053

EXDIS

FOLLOWING IS REPEAT BONN 02728, SENT SECSTATE 14 FEBRUARY:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L BONN 02728

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, GW

SUBJECT: GENSCHER'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST

REF: BONN 2720

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 035273 TOSEC 020053

FOLLOWING THE BRIEFING BY GENSCHER ON HIS MIDDLE EAST
TRIP, FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR LAHN AND NEAR EAST
DIRECTOR BOEKER PROVIDED ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE
FOREIGN MINISTER'S TRIP. THESE INCLUDE:

1. OCCUPIED TERRITORIES: SYRIAN PRESIDENT ASAD HAD
CALLED IN STANDARD TERMS FOR A COMPLETE ISRAELI

EVACUATION OF ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTER KHADDAM, HOWEVER, HAD SAID THAT, IN THE INTERESTS OF PEACE, IT WAS BEST NOT TO TALK ABOUT BORDER QUESTIONS NOW. HE HAD ADDED IN AN ASIDE SOMETHING WHICH GAVE THE IMPRESSION HE WAS THINKING IN TERMS OF SMALL TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENTS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE FRONTIER, BUT HIS REMARKS WERE NOT CLEAR. THE GERMAN DELEGATION CAME AWAY WITH THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE WAS PROBABLY SOME FLEXIBILITY IN THE SYRIAN AND JORDANIAN POSITIONS, ALTHOUGH THEY WERE NOT WILLING TO SAY SO OPENLY.

2. PALESTINIANS: ASAD IMPLIED NO PRESSURE FOR RECOGNITION OF THE PLO. IN DISCUSSIONS HE REFERRED ONLY TO THE PALESTINIANS AND MENTIONED NOTHING ABOUT ANY EXILE GOVERNMENT. EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT AND FOREIGN MINISTER FAHMY WERE HOPEFUL THAT THE PALESTINIANS MAFESTO MIGHT BE MODIFIED, FACILITATING PALESTINIAN FLEXIBILITY. SADAT SAID HE HAD "ALWAYS ADVOCATED" THE LINK BETWEEN JORDAN AND A PALESTINIAN STATE, BUT THAT THE RABAT MEETING HAD MADE THINGS MORE COMPLICATED. THE GERMANS FELT THAT ARAB THINKING IS MORE AND MORE IN THE DIRECTION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE COMPOSED OF THE WEST BANK AND GAZA. AT ONE POINT, SADAT HAD REFERRED TO AN "AUTONOMOUS" PALESTINIAN STATE.

3. PROSPECTS FOR PEACE: ASAD SAID THE ARABS WERE CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 STATE 035273 TOSEC 020053

READY FOR PEACE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES OF ISRAELI EVACUATION OF ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND CREATION OF A PALESTINIAN STATE BUT THAT ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE WAS BLOCKING EFFORTS TOWARD A SETTLEMENT. ACCORDING TO ASAD, IT WAS UP TO THE U.S. TO PUT PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO MODIFY ITS ATTITUDE. EUROPE'S ROLE WAS TO PERSUADE THE U.S. TO DO SO, HE SAID.

4. GENEVA CONFERENCE: AS REPORTED REFTEL, FAHMY WAS IN FAVOR OF CONVENING THE GENEVA CONFERENCE AS SOON AS FEASIBLE, IF ONLY FOR A FORMAL SESSION FOLLOWED BY A POSTPONEMENT OF SEVERAL MONTHS. SADAT HAD INDICATED SUPPORT FOR THIS IDEA. LAHN DOUBTED THAT SADAT WOULD ACCEPT AN INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF MEPC.

5. SAUDI "MARSHALL PLAN" FOR EGYPT: BOTH FAHMY AND SADAT HAVE GREAT HOPES FOR THE SAUDI "MARSHALL PLAN" AIMED AT SHORING UP THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMY. ACCORDING TO SADAT, 2 BILLION DOLLARS IN AID HAVE ALREADY BEEN

APPROVED, ALTHOUGH A TOTAL OF 6 TO 8 BILLION DOLLARS IS NEEDED. LAHN COMMENTED THAT THE SAUDIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY INCREASE THEIR INFLUENCE IN EGYPTIAN AFFAIRS IF THE PLAN IS IMPLEMENTED. (ON THE SUBJECT OF BILATERAL FRG-EGYPT AID, THE GERMANS SAID THERE WAS NO TALK OF SPECIFIC FIGURES. THEY INDICATED AID TO EGYPT THIS YEAR WOULD BE AT THE SAME LEVEL AS LAST YEAR'S.)

6. THE GERMAN BUSINESSMEN WITH GENSCHER HAD BEEN FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH THE OUTLOOK IN SYRIA AND IN SYRIAN PROFESSIONS OF MORE OPENNESS TO WESTERN PROJECTS, INCLUDING A WILLINGNESS TO GUARANTEE INVESTMENTS.

7. EGYPT AFTER THE RIOTS: WITHIN EGYPT SADAT MAY HAVE RECOVERED MOST OF THE PRESTIGE HE LOST
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 STATE 035273 TOSEC 020053

DURING RECENT DISTURBANCES. HOWEVER, IN OTHER ARAB CAPITALS, ESPECIALLY DAMASCUS, HIS POSITION IS SEEN AS BEING WEAKER THAN BEFORE.

8. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO INTERESTED POSTS.
STOESSEL UNQUOTE. HARTMAN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TOSEC, MINISTERIAL VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 16-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 22 May 2009
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977STATE035273
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: NEA/ARN:TJCAROLAN
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770055-0826
Format: TEL
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770235/aaaabewm.tel
Line Count: 146
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: aee2a1c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ORIGIN SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 77 BONN 2720
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 16-Mar-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3304599
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GENSCHER'S VISIT TO THE MIDDLE EAST
TAGS: PFOR, GE, XF, (GENSCHER, HANS-DIETRICH)
To: SECRETARY AMMAN MULTIPLE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odb://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/aee2a1c5-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009